RIC 2004 Reactor Oversight Process, Session W5

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WHAT'S WORKING

- More objective
- Focuses inspection resources on safety significant SSC's
- More understandable to the public



WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

- Is the ROP predictive or reactive?
- Are performance indicators achieving their intended goal?
 - Many all Green all the time
 - Are we measuring items that indicate weakening performance?
 - Are we flexible enough in this area?



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- SDP Timeliness for greater than Green issues must improve
 - Purpose: Direct inspection resources
 - NRC Goal: 80% in <90 days
 - Need both NRC and industry to support timeliness
 - Some SDP's very resource intensive
 - Process changes needed?



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- FAQ timeliness must improve
 - Purpose: Direct inspection resources
 - Delayed FAQ's tantamount to suspended PI
 - Process change

